

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested. Claims 15-22, 40-45 and 47-60 are under consideration. Claims 1-14, 23, 27-39 and 46 are withdrawn and claims 24-26 are canceled. In this Amendment, claim 20 is amended. No new matter is added.

The Examiner is thanked for the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability indicating that claims 15-19, 40-45 and 47-60 are allowed. However, claims 20-22 were inadvertently canceled.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the September 18, 2004, telephone interview in which the claims were discussed. As indicated in the Interview Summary, the "allowance of the generic and elected claims, cancellation of non-elected claims" was discussed. The cancellation of claims 20-22 was not discussed, nor authorized.

Inadvertently, claims 20-22 were canceled, despite the conversation regarding the amendments to claim 20 to address the 35 U.S.C. § 112 issue raised in the July 27, 2004, Final Office Action. The amendments to claim 20 contained in this response clearly address the Section 112 rejection and do not add new matter nor require an additional search.

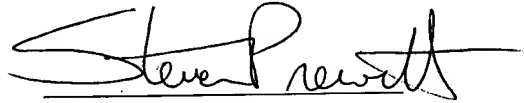
Claim 21 is dependent upon claim 20 and thus the rejection regarding claim 21 has been obviated.

Claim 22 is dependent upon claim 15 and does not contain any objectionable language identified by the Examiner.

Thus, Applicants respectfully request that claims 20-22 be included with the allowed claims, and that all of claims 15-22, 40-45 and 47-60 be allowed.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding the present response, the Examiner is invited to contact Steven J. Prewitt at 703-591-2664, Ext. 2003. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of claims 15-22, 40-45 and 47-60 are in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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